

# BRITISH RECORDS BROKEN IN DAYS OF STORM AND GALE

## AMERICANS NOW COMING HOMEWARD

Plenty of Them in London, but Only for Brief Stop Before Returning.

### DUE TO WALL STREET SLUMP

Decline in Prices Said to Be the Cause of the Curtailment of Many European Trips.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—There are a great many Americans who evidently do not agree with Senator Depue's opinion, expressed in an early issue of this paper, that London is the best summer resort in Europe. Witness the visitors' lists at the principal hotels just now.

Four weeks ago London did not seem big enough to take care of the transatlantic visitors, who fairly swarmed into places and passed hours driving all around in search of a place to sleep. Now it is different.

"What has become of the Americans?" sighs more than one hotelkeeper when you engage him in conversation. It is true that people are arriving every day from Paris and the Continent, but so and inquire for them next day and you find they have taken a steamer for home; for it is no secret that hundreds of persons are cutting short their stay on this side.

I know of many who usually remain till the middle of October who have already returned or have booked passage for the next two weeks.

Persons I have talked with attribute it all to the same cause that has kept such a large number of well-known American races from being visible on this side of the water this year—conditions in Wall Street.

### The Rush Homeward.

Anyhow, just at present there is quite a rush homeward.

Mr. Henry R. Wilson, president of the Lincoln Trust Company, of New York, and his brother, Mr. Edward Wilson, who have been passing some time in Paris, returned early in the week and sailed on Wednesday on the Teutonic.

Mr. R. M. Galloway, president of the Merchants Bank, and Mrs. Galloway, who have been passing their usual two months of summer in Paris, are stopping at the Savoy for a few days before sailing.

General and Mrs. E. Booth, of Baltimore, who arrived at the Carlton from Switzerland, sailed on the Teutonic.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Vanderlip, of New York, who have been touring in England, returned to the Carlton in time to sail on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchins, of Detroit, have arrived at the Carlton from the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Southack and Messrs. John and Reginald Southack, who were passengers on the Arabia, have left for Paris.

Mrs. George Allen Otney and Mrs. Harvey B. Holmgren, of New York, have arrived at the Savoy from Norway.

Mr. Richard B. Fuller, of Boston, has arrived at the Savoy from the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Axtell, of New York, have arrived at the Carlton from Scotland.

Messrs. John D. Kernan, F. L. Underwood and G. D. Wick, who have been automobile touring in England, have returned to the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ogden, of New York, have arrived at the Carlton from Holland and will rest in London about ten days before sailing for America.

**Back from France.**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ely and Miss Ely, of Buffalo, N. Y., who have been traveling in France, Italy, Switzerland and Holland, have arrived at the Carlton and will sail for home next week.

Mrs. H. L. Rock, Mrs. H. B. Carroll, Mrs. H. A. Carroll and Mrs. A. H. Carroll, of Pittsburgh, who have been making an extensive tour of the Continent, have arrived at the Savoy from Ostend.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago, has returned to Claridge's Hotel from Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wilbur, of Philadelphia, have arrived at the Carlton from Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bradley, of New York, have returned to the Carlton from Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Eldridge and Miss Rhett, of New York, have left for Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bodwell, of New York, have returned to Claridge's from Hamburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. H. Pinner, who arrived at Claridge's on Sunday from Scotland, have left for Paris.

Miss J. Hood and Miss Maud Heston, of Philadelphia, have left for a three weeks' automobile tour of England.

## INCIDENTS OF THE RECENT BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES AND THE ADMIRALS COMMANDING THE FLEETS



FROM THE SPHERE  
EYE VIEW OF 5 FLEET

ADMIRAL SIR COMPTON DOWDALL GAVIN, K.C.B. COMMANDING THE FLEET IN THE HULWARK.

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## DEATH TRIBUTE OF THEALPS

Since the Beginning of Present Season Sixty-Two Persons Have Lost Their Lives.

### IN SWITZERLAND AND TYROL

Constant Storms of Snow and Rain Bring About a Succession of Avalanches.

[From European edition of the Herald.]  
GENEVA.—With the object of obtaining an approximate estimate of the number of fatal accidents that have happened since the beginning of this mountaineering season in the Swiss and Italian Alps and in the Tyrol I communicated with my correspondents in the chief Alpine centers, and I find that the number of persons who have lost their lives in the mountains amounts to the terrible total of forty-two already.

This total by no means includes accidents in which the hapless victims have been injured only or eventually escaped after experiencing the terrors of the elements. Add another twenty, and this is a low estimate, to the above number and you have the grand total of sixty-two victims. I have taken special pains to verify these figures, and taking into consideration the fact that it is nearly an impossible task to obtain the exact number of fatalities it will be found that I have rather underestimated than overestimated the total.

One of the greatest drawbacks to serious mountaineering is the frequency with which bad weather is experienced in the higher altitudes, and it stands to reason that a guide who has spent the greater part of his life in the mountains and in their vicinity is an abler judge of the weather than the most experienced amateur Alpinist. More than half of the accidents this year have happened to persons in bad weather climbing without guides.

I allow that the height of enjoyment in climbing comes when one is sufficiently experienced to do without a guide and choose one's own time and excursion, but I emphatically state that not twenty-five per cent of the Alpinists who visit this country every year have reached this stage, while forty per cent continue to follow the suicidal policy of climbing without professional aid and advice. Sixty-two accidents in three months speak for themselves and need no further comment.

Curious to relate, very few accidents (it is four, if I am not mistaken) have happened to English and American climbers up to now. The only reason I can give for this is that Anglo-Saxon climbers are avoiding the higher mountains this season and waiting for more settled weather.

### FOUR MORE FATALITIES.

Four recent mishaps have occurred resulting in the death of Alpinists—two in the Tyrol, one in the Canton of Grisons and one in the Jura Mountains—two Austrians and two Swiss having lost their lives. Mme. Wenz, who was killed yesterday by falling down a precipice on the Dent de Vanil, in the Jura Mountains, was the second lady killed in the Alps this year. As this mountain is an easy climb—a promenade would express it better—and the lady was a very good Alpinist, the cause of the mishap remains shrouded in mystery.

While on an excursion on the Argentinie glacier, near Chamouni, M. Hornung, a French Alpinist, was struck on the head by a large stone which fell from a neighboring peak, and knocked insensible. He was carried to the Hotel du Glacier, where Dr. Beece and Dr. Rey, who happened to be staying at the hotel attended him. M. Hornung recovered consciousness and is now well on the way to convalescence.

Another accident happened on the Prad-Leys, Haute-Savoie. M. Rogard, a schoolmaster, accompanied by a number of boys, ascended the mountain. During the descent a boy aged fifteen slipped down a steep slope and was seriously injured. He was carried to the hospital in the valley, and is lying in a precarious condition.

**A RECORD FALL.**  
It seldom falls to the lot of an ordinary individual to tumble down a precipice a hundred metres in depth and still live to tell of his experience. Yet such an accident happened the other day on the Tour du Mont, a mountain 2,367 metres high, in Savoy.

Two young French Alpinists from Annecy, while descending the peak, took a wrong path, and the leader disappeared before the eyes of his horrified companion, who remounted the path and subsequently succeeded in obtaining help from the valley. The search party, headed by the Custom House officer, climbed the mountain expecting to find a mangled corpse. To their utter astonishment, on reaching the spot they were hailed by the supposed dead man, who was calmly smoking a cigarette at the bottom of the precipice.

With the aid of cords they managed to haul him up. "Vous avez de la chance, monsieur," was all the greeting the surprised officer could utter. It appears that the Alpinist's fall was broken by some bushes and he landed on a soft bank, escaping with slight bruises.

It was exactly at this spot and under the same circumstances that Lieutenant Edouard, of the Eleventh Chasseurs, was killed in 1897 after returning from the ascent of the Col du Nanter.

The telephone was the means of saving eight lives last winter, for the monks at ever ready day and night to go out with their faithful St. Bernard dogs to the trail in distress.

The recent climb this season on account of its extreme difficulty and danger has been accomplished by Captain Eckert, of Berlin, with Zurbuchen and Rotten, both of Zermatt, as guides. The party climbed the Mont Rosa from the Macagnas side—a feat that was accomplished seven years ago and unsuccessfully attempted only twice since that time. This is the only notable ascent that has been made from Zermatt during the last week.

**STONESTOPS ON MOUNT BLANC.**  
At Chamouni, however, where the elements have been a shade more favorable, mountaineering is in full swing. M. Gressier and the guides Ambrosio and Balmat have successfully carried out the difficult task of planting posts on the route from Pierre Pointe to the summit of Mont Blanc to be a guide to Alpinists in case they get lost on the mountain. The posts appear one metre in height above the ice in which they are planted to a depth of fifty centimetres. They are colored black and a notch near the top shows the direction of Chamouni. This useful work has been carried out at great expense by the French Alpine Club, which deserves great praise for its enterprise.

## BRITISH WEATHER MAKES HISTORY

The United Kingdom Overwhelmed with Fast Following Storms and Gales.

### CROPS AND FRUITS RUINED

Records Established More Than a Generation Ago Are Broken and Little Hope of Change Appears.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—The weather has been making history this week. It has been blowing a gale and raining almost without cessation all over the United Kingdom. Not only that, but it looks as if it were going to continue blowing and raining for some time to come yet. At any rate, the meteorological office holds out no hope for the immediate future.

On Wednesday the summer rain record established twenty-four years ago was broken. The rainfall during June, July and August in that memorable year was 14.67 inches. Now it is more than 15 inches for these months up to the present time.

This phenomenal rainfall is all the more striking when it is stated that the average summer rainfall for the last forty-five years has been only 6.96 inches.

### All Records May Be Broken.

Taking the year as a whole, other records are likely to be broken. Already the rainfall during the first seven months at each of the fifty stations scattered over the British Isles is in excess. In London, for instance, it amounts to 23.47 inches, or nearly 100 per cent of the average. In Glasgow the percentage is 133 and at Carlisle 150.

Two consecutive months have each records of more than 15 inches of rain, which is without a parallel since the observations began in 1858.

This awful weather is simply ruining the grouse shooting. Very few grouse have been out during the week, either on the Scottish or the North of England moors. In fact, for two days it was impossible to do any shooting at all.

The rain that has fallen on the fruit crops of the country threatens to be almost as complete as in the case of the cereals and tubers. From all over the country reports are received of the damage done by the heavy rains. The grain crops have been so severely laid that the cost of harvesting in many cases will be doubled. It has been found necessary to replace the modern machine cutters by hand labor. Disease has also developed among early potatoes.

### Channel Passengers' Peril.

As may be imagined, passengers crossing the channel between England and France have been having awful times of it, the crossings being prolonged and severe, with the exception of the new turbine boat recently put on by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway. Last Saturday when the gale started she crossed to Calais in fifty-nine minutes and returned to Dover through the teeth of a gale in seventy minutes. She ploughs through the waves, steaming very steadily and safely, throwing up very little water. Thus there has been quite a rush for the turbine boat throughout the week.

## KNOX NAMED AS TAMMANY'S CHOICE

Wigwam Leaders on the Other Side To Remain Until His Son, with Now the Owner of Many Paintings Deeply Interested in Early Mayoralty Forecasts.

### McLELLAN'S CHANCES SLIM

Randolph Guggenheimer Is Mentioned, but One Keen Observer Considers This Without Real Import.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—To the average New Yorker who has been over here this summer local politics provided a theme for conversation whenever any time was left from amusements in the London weather. Quite a number of Tammany Hall men are still over on this side.

John F. Carroll, I am told, was seen the other day climbing a mountain in Switzerland. Charles H. Knox, who ran for Supreme Court Judge two years ago, is touring Scotland, with his family.

Representative Henry Goldfing was seen breakfasting the other day at the Ardenneville, in the Bois de Boulogne, and Judge Hoffman, Joseph L. Lewis, and Randolph Guggenheimer, by some regarded as a candidate for Mayoralty, honors, returned the other day from Switzerland with Mrs. Guggenheimer and attended sailing Wednesday on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. The sudden illness of a relative delayed him, however, and he left instead for Frankfurt. Former Water Commissioner William Dalton has been seen over here recently.

Murray Damsbaum, who knows pretty well what goes on in Tammany Hall, returned the other day from Paris and sailed on the Teutonic. Mr. Damsbaum doesn't believe George McClellan stands a show of getting the nomination for the Mayoralty and considers that Mr. Guggenheimer's chances are equally slim. Mr. Damsbaum believes the democrats will agree on Charles H. Knox.

"Mr. Knox," said Mr. Damsbaum, "has always stood by Tammany Hall. Therefore, he can get the support of the organization. He is a man of great ability, whose honesty and uprightness could never be called into question, and the party in and out of the wigwam feel they can trust him. I think, no doubt, that the nomination will be offered to him."

### DOG ESCAPES VIVISECTION

Mme. Humbert's Great Dane Now an Inmate of Gennevilliers Refuge.

From the European Edition of the Herald.  
"The Dogs' Home" at Gennevilliers has received a new inmate in no less a personage in the "doggy world" than Fortune, a Great Dane of brilliant coat, who was the pet of the celebrated Humbert family.

Fortune has and has not favored Fortune, for although she is as happy to-day as under the circumstances she can be, she has had a somewhat checkered career of late.

She found her way to the home through the strenuous efforts which are now being made by the members of the Anti-Vivisection Union, the general secretary of which, Mme. de Silva, I had the good fortune to meet at Gennevilliers, just before her departure for Germany, where she will take part in the great international meeting for the prevention of cruelty to animals, which is shortly to be held at Frankfurt-on-Main.

## MR. CHOATE STILL IN LONDON HOME

His Bride, Leaves for New York.

### MR. CHOATE STILL IN LONDON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, Who Are at Carlsbad, Will Return to England Soon.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—The American Ambassador, Mr. Choate, and Mrs. Choate, since their return from America have been passing most of their time quietly at their residence, in Carlton House terrace, leaving town only for an occasional "day's" visit to friends. They will not leave for an extended stay before the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, Jr., for New York, early next month. The latter are now passing a few days in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White are now at Carlsbad and are expected to return to England next week, but they will not be in London for several weeks yet.

John Ridgely Carter has been up in Scotland for the shooting and returned Wednesday. Mrs. Carter and the children are passing the summer in that picturesque little place in Brittany, Le Pouldu, where there is quite a colony of artists.

Captain and Mrs. Stockton are still in town; so are Craig Wadsworth and Mr. Phillips, the Ambassador's secretary, who is going on a vacation next week.

So far there is no military attaché to Mr. Major Cassatt's place. The impression prevails that Major Cassatt will return here.

### HOTEL ATTENDANCE BETTER IN EUROPE

Jacob Rothschild, of the Hotel Majestic, Says Prices for Food Are Dearer Abroad.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—"What is the great difference between European and American hotels?" I asked the other day of Jacob Rothschild, proprietor of the Hotel Majestic, just as he and his daughter, Miss Elsie, were leaving on the steamer train to catch the Teutonic.

"The attendance is better over here," answered Mr. Rothschild. "The attendants know how to pay court, and the patrons are willing to pay for such a thing. Everybody wants to be flattered."

"Rich people are flattered over here, but ordinary neighbors are not so liberal as at home. In fact, Continental hotel keepers tell me Americans don't seem to have much of an appetite. Prices are dearer over here. Rooms in some cases are twice cheaper, but good food is half as dear than in America. Here there is no hotel loses money on food; there every hostelry, however small, makes its profit on the same. As to prices, well, I think the Carlton and the Ritz are the highest priced hotels in the world."

Mrs. Rothschild and an elder daughter are still in Baden Baden, and will remain on this side for another month.

## DR. LESLIE WARD BUYS A MILLET

Now the Owner of Many Paintings by Modern Masters for His Newark Home.

### DR. LESLIE WARD BUYS A MILLET

Corot, Daubigny, Diaz, Detaille and Other Famous Names Represented in His Gallery.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—Dr. Leslie D. Ward, once president of the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, who, with Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward and Leslie P. Ward, is sailing to-day on the Philadelphia, has been devoting much of his time over here to looking over private collections in the various art centers. As a result his own gallery in Newark will soon be enriched by quite a large number of fine examples of the Barbizon and modern Dutch schools, not to mention a number of others.

With Henry Reinhardt, an art dealer of Chicago, Dr. Ward visited Paris, Brussels, The Hague, Amsterdam and London. According to Mr. Reinhardt he has acquired about twenty-five paintings, which are all masterpieces. Among them are three Corots, two Daubignys, a Diaz, two Dupres, a Troyon, two Promenades, a Jaconot, two Van Marcks, a Holm, a Decker, an Isabey, a Harpignies, two by Lantier and a Newhaus, certainly a fairly representative assortment of the modern painters. A number of the artists Dr. Ward met personally.

One of the best known of the pictures bought is "A Scribe," by Ingres, which the artist himself selected to be shown at the St. Louis Exhibition next year. Dr. Ward is acquiring it, he had to make a condition that it should go to St. Louis before finding a resting place in his gallery.

But what undoubtedly is the piece de resistance among his acquisitions is a Jean Francois Millet, which has been bought from the private collection of which it has been part for thirty-five years, the owner heretofore refusing to part with it.

### BRIGHT GIRL FACES STIR EUSTON SQUARE

Maggie May Leads a Galaxy of Fair Travellers Bound for the United States.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
LONDON, Saturday.—The second of the Euston station on Wednesday, just before the departure of the train for the Transatlantic, furnished one of the times when Weber & Fields, wind up the New York season and start for Philadelphia or Boston, when a gathering of femininity, such a defilement from what is theoretically termed the "ball headed row" was there.

It was all because some eighteen pretty English girls, led by Maggie May, who is really one of the prettiest little girls on the English stage, and Polly Emery and Maudie Hobson, were going to call for America. G. P. Humbley, who is reckoned about the best portrayer of young gentlemen without brains over here, was in charge of the party. Maurice Farina was with them.

All are going to play in "The Three Little Maids," when Charles Frohman will present in New York in September. William H. Crane, who came back early in the week from Paris, has gone to Liverpool to pass a few days before sailing.

## STRICT RULES FOR 1904 CUP RACES